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FOR CA/SCS/WW

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TAGS: CASC, SP
SUBJ: W/W WELFARE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

REF: STATE 176942, BILBAO 0140

1. CHECK OF HOTELS IN SAN SEBASTIAN REVEALED THAT MARY MARGUERITE GIEFER AND TRAVELLING COMPANION MARY BETTENBURG CHECKED-OU OF HOTEL HISPANO AMERICANO ON JULY 13. THEIR NEXT DESTINATION WAS UNKNOWN.
2. AMERICAN EXPRESS OFFICE REOPENED FOR BUSINESS ON JULY 12, BUT THEY HAVE NO RECORD OF EITHER MS GIEFER OR MS BETTENBURG.
3. LOUISA CARROLABBOTT AND KAREN ARMSTRONG LEFT THE NIZA HOTEL ON JULY 12. THEY ALSO DID NOT LEAVE A FORWARDING ADDRESS.
4. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM HOTEL MANAGERS, AMERICAN EXPRESS, AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES INDICATES THAT A MAJORITY OF TRAVELLERS LEAVING THE DISTURBED PROVINCE WERE HEADED TOWARD FRANCE.

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5. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THIS CONSULATE ON THEIR WELFARE WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.
6. TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN ADVISING OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES ON THE WELFARE OF THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

TRAVELLING IN THIS AREA OF SPAIN, THE ENTIRE AREA IS
ALMOST COMPLETELY BACK TO NORMAL. THE POLICE OF THE
SPANISH BORDER TOWN, IRUN, AND OF SAN SEBASTIAN HAVE
INDICATED THAT ALL RAILWAYS ARE WORKING, INCLUDING
THAT IN RENTERIA, AND THE MAJOR HIGHWAY TO FRANCE AND
MADRID IS CLEAR. DESPITE INTENSIVE EFFORTS, CONSULATE
HAS ONLY LEARNED OF ONE WOUNDED AMERICAN, ALREADY
REPORTED IN BILBAO'S 0140. LEKSON

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